Palm Harbor, **FL** (October 10, 2012) – Congressman Gus Bilirakis (FL-09) issued the following statement today upon learning of the death of former Congressman Sam Gibbons:

"Today, the Tampa Bay area lost a great leader and a great friend. Sam was steadfast in his commitment to our community, and his contributions helped our area grow and develop into the great place we know and love today. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones during this difficult time."

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